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INCREASING THE TELEDENSITY OF BANGALORE CITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an investment of nearly Rs. 2,000 crore is required to increase the tele-density in the Bangalore City in Karnataka to 25 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is poised to meet this target along with private basic telecom operators;

(c) if so, whether any concrete programme in this regard has been prepared;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) to (e): The Department of Telecom has not fixed any target with respect to tele-density in any city. However, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is planning to invest Rs. 300 crore in the city of Bangalore.A target of 2.15 lakh new telephone connections have been planned during 2002-03 for the Bangalore city by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.As far as the participation of Private Basic Telecom Operators is concerned, the roll out obligation is in terms of setting of Point of Presence (POP).M/s Bharti Telenet has already set-up POP while tow others are planning to set-up by August, 2003.